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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH THIRD WORLD FORUM TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN MEXICO CITY WAS CANCELLED (REFTEL B), ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET MEXICO CITY AS SPECIAL TASK FORCE AUGUST 21-24, 1975, IN ORDER FORMULATE DOCUMENT SETTING OUT THIRD WORLD VIEWS ON NIEO FOR (A) PRESENTATION LIMA MEETING NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, AND (B) UNGA 7TH SS. END SUMMARY

1. BACKGROUND: AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THIRD WORLD FORUM IS A WORLD-WIDE ASSOCIATION OF LDC SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND INTELLECTUALS, PURPORTEDLY WITHOUT GOVERNMENTAL OR INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS. ITS FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES AND TO ASSIST INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES IN THE PROTECTION OF THIRD WORLD RIGHTS AND INTERESTS. FORUM IS CURRENTLY PREPARING WRITTEN ANALYSIS OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION EARLY 1976

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AND ORGANIZING SPECIAL STUDY GROUP ON "COLLECTIVE SELF-

RELIANCE FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES" WITH REPORT SCHEDULED
SPRING 1976. END BACKGROUND

2. ALTHOUGH FORUM MEETING CANCELLED AS REPORTED (REFTEL B)
SPECIAL TASK FORCE MET MEXICO CITY AUGUST 21-24 UNDER GOM
SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING IN ORDER DRAFT DOCUMENT STATING
THIRD WORLD VIEW WITH RESPECT TO NIEO. THIS 21-PAGE REPORT
ENTITLED "PROPOSALS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER"
IS REPORTEDLY TO BE SUBMITTED BY GOM AT LIMA NON-ALIGNED
NATIONS MEETING AND UNGA 7TH SS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1.

3. "PROPOSALS" IN REPORT STRESS DESIRE FOR INSTITUTIONAL
REFORMS TO PROVIDE MORE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NEXT UN SS SHOULD DEFINE MAIN
AREAS OF NEGOTIATION ON REFORMS OF MONETARY SYSTEM, TRADE,
RESOURCE TRANSFERS, AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES.
LATTER POINT WOULD INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL
CURRENCY TO REPLACE DOLLAR AND POUND STERLING RESERVES AND
BE MANAGED BY AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL BANK INCLUDING
MEMBERSHIP BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

4. TASK FORCE ALSO RECOMMENDS (1) UNGA DESIGNATE
COMMISSION TO STUDY DC/LDC TRADING PATTERNS,
(2) UNCTAD IMPLEMENT PROGRAM FOR STABILIZATION COFFEE,
RUBBER, TIN, COPPER, TEA. (3) COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN OPEC COUNTRIES AND THIRD WORLD FOR IMPROVEMENT
OF FOOD PRODUCTION. (4) CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPAL CREDITOR
AND DEBTOR NATIONS TONEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT OF PAST DEBTS.
IN PRESS CONFERENCE THIS CAME OUT AS CANCELLING DEBTS)
(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND RENEGOTIATION OF
ALL CONTRACTS INVOLVING TNE'S IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.
(6) RESTRUCTURING OF ECOSOC. (7) ESTABLISH THIRD WORLD
DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO PARALLEL OECD. (8) APOINTMENT OF
"TOP-LEVEL" THIRD WORLD FIGURE AS UN SECRETARY-GENERAL.
(EMBASSY COMMENT: NO DOUBT IN RETURN FOR PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S
HOSPITALITY.)

5. WHEN WE ASKED LOCAL ECLA REPRESENTATIVE IF ECLA HAD
PARTICIPATED IN THIS TASK FORCE, LOCAL REP REPLIED THAT
IT HAD NOT; ECLA SECRETARY-GENERAL ENRIQUE IGLESIAS OF
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URUGUAY HAD BEEN PRESENT ONLY IN PRIVATE CAPACITY.

6. ALSO ATTENDING WERE GOM ADVISERS HUERTA CORIA AND
SUAREZ-MIER OF SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PROPERTY AND
IZQUIERDO OF HACIENDA. WORLD BANK DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
DR UL HAQ QUOTED BY EXCELSIOR AS RECOMMENDING THAT THE
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS UNDERGO PROFOUND
CHANGES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE POSITION OF THIRD WORLD

NATIONS. ENRIQUE OTEIZA SECRETARY-GENERAL OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL ON SOCIAL SCIENCES, QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE IBRD, IMF AND IDB VOTING SYSTEMS ARE UNJUST, SINCE THEY ARE BASED ON THE MEMBERS' DONATION QUOTAS. ISMAIL SABRI ABDULLAN, DIRECTOR OF EGYPTIAN PLANNING INSTITUTE REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT THE RICH NATIONS ARE PURPOSELY PREVENTING THE TRUE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD. (IN FAIRNESS TO ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, EXCELSIOR FREQUENTLY MISQUOTES.)

7. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY TASK FORCE "PROPOSALS" TO ARA/MEX.
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